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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on February 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 250, 2/9/2015; SB 284, 2/9/2015

HEARING ON HB 250**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:30 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 250, Clarifying use of suppressed firearms to hunt certain wildlife is allowed.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:35 Jim Kropp, law enforcement chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:51 Sen. Fielder
00:05:13 Mr. Kropp, FWP
00:05:22 Sen. Facey
00:05:35 Rep. Wagoner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:57 Rep. Wagoner
00:07:29 Chair Brenden turned over chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Ripley

HEARING ON SB 284**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:14 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 284, Require approval of county commissioners for bison relocation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:06 Lesley Robinson, county commissioner, Phillips County
00:12:05 Ed Butcher, self
00:16:17 Bob Sivertsen, self
00:16:15 Carl Seilstad, county commissioner, Fergus County, FC
00:17:40 Todd Devlin, second vice president, Montana Association of Counties (MACo), county commissioner, Prairie County
00:18:50 Dave Reinhardt, county commissioner, Valley County
00:19:30 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
00:22:03 Errol Rice, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGa)
00:22:48 Patrick McCain, member, Tea Party
00:24:01 Teddy Robertson, county commissioner, Garfield County
00:24:30 Jerry Collins, county commissioner, Garfield County

00:24:48 Tucker Hughes, county commissioner, Judith Basin County
00:25:10 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
00:26:17 Elena Evans, executive director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
00:27:24 Ross Butcher, county commissioner, Fergus County

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:58 Kit Fischer, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
00:27:52 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:30:27 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)
00:31:35 Claudia Narcisco, Missoula Chapter of the Montana Sierra Club
00:35:24 Ervin Carlson, president, Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC)
00:36:30 Majel Russell, legal council, Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC)
00:38:49 Mike Volesky, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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00:43:03 Mark Azure, president, Fort Belknap Tribal Council (FBTC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:22 Sen. Hinkle
00:45:51 Mr. Volesky, FWP
00:47:13 Sen. Vincent
00:47:53 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:49:02 Vice Chair Ripley
00:49:27 Sen. Brenden
00:49:31 Sen. Hamlett
00:50:08 Mr. Volesky
00:50:54 Sen. Phillips
00:51:20 Mr. Volesky
00:53:20 Sen. Hamlett
00:53:48 Mr. Seilstad, FC
00:54:35 Sen. Hamlett
00:54:55 Mr. Seilstad
00:55:40 Sen. Hinkle
00:56:12 Mr. Volesky
00:56:45 Sen. Hamlett
00:57:18 Mr. Azure, FBTC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:55 Sen. Brenden

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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